

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2011 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Korman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Candioly, Korman, Miranda, Rische, and Chairperson Endo-Roberts.

Absent: Commissioner Shwarts.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport and  
Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miranda moved to grant Commissioner Shwarts an excused absence for the April 18, 2011 Commission meeting. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Korman moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5A. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2011**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Candioly moved for the approval of the February 15, 2011 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Shwarts).

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1 – None.**

**7. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**7A. TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY**

Manager Rappoport reported that a representative from Torrance Theatre Company was unable to attend this meeting due to performances of "Moon Over Buffalo." She stated that there were only three more performances on April 22-23, 2011.

**8. ON-GOING BUSINESS**

**8A. REVIEW GUIDELINES AND TIMELINE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS**

Commissioner Candioly stated that he would be unable to attend the Excellence in Arts awards ceremony scheduled for October 23, 2011 and Manager Rappoport offered to check availability of Toyota Meeting Hall on October 16 or October 30, 2011.

Commissioners discussed whether they wanted to retain their same committee chair assignments or change them. The following chair assignments were tentatively selected, pending finalization at the May 16, 2011 Commission meeting.

Arts Education	Commissioner Rische
Dance	Commissioner Candioly
Drama & Theatre Arts	Commissioner Miranda
Literary Arts	Commissioner Shwartz
Music	Commissioner Korman
Visual Arts & Design	Commissioner Bunting
Katy Geissert Award	Chairperson Endo-Roberts

Commissioner Bunting received clarification from staff that Commissioners can make nominations as long as it is not a conflict of interest in the category they chair.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **9A. CITY OF TORRANCE BUDGET UPDATE**

Manager Rappoport reported that staff is preparing for the two-year budget cycle for July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013 and that a \$2.5 to \$3.5 million General Fund revenue shortfall is anticipated. She led a discussion centered on some of the positive indicators showing that the economy is improving. She noted that Cultural Arts Division is an enterprise fund and will not be affected as much as other divisions. She announced Budget Hearings on June 7 and 14, 2011 and a second quarter budget review meeting on April 19, 2011.

## **10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **10A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE**

Previously discussed.

### **10B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Manager Rappoport reported that Land Concern has submitted cost estimates for the amphitheatre but that staff needs clarification from them before moving forward.

### **10C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Manager Rappoport reported that the Committee will meet on May 16, 2011 to review grant applications.

## **11. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**11A.** Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for March 2011 was included in agenda packets. She announced that Senior Supervisor Bell will be out until early June 2011 and that Supervisor Ferguson is taking her place.

**11B.** Manager Rappoport announced that "Gateway: Japan" opened at TAM on March 26 and the fundraising event raised just under \$7,000 for the Japanese Red Cross. She was pleased to announce that 900 visitors attended on the opening day.

**11C.** Supervisor Ferguson distributed fliers for Artful Days! and announced Breakfast with the Bunny on April 23, 2011. She discussed jewelry and ceramics workshops on April 16, 2011 and noted that summer registration begins the end of May 2011.

## **12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**12A.** Commissioner Korman stated that Torrance Civic Chorale's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with "As Time Goes By" on April 9, 2011 sold out. She stated that she enjoyed "Little Women" at NBCC and "Parade" at Kentwood Players. She announced a Torrance Symphony fundraiser with 12 contestants on May 21, 2011.

**12B.** Commissioner Rische stated that she enjoyed "God of Carnage" and is looking forward to going on a cruise.

**12C.** Commissioner Miranda stated that he attended Dr. Margaret Martin's Harmony Project on April 17, 2011 and announced an Asian Pacific Islander fundraiser for Japan at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium on April 23, 2011.

**12D.** Commissioner Candioly stated that he enjoyed "Gateway: Japan" and the First Tree Gallery in Claremont. He mentioned that he is going to see a play at the Pantages Theatre on May 1, 2011.

**12E.** Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed the TAM opening, Palm Springs Museum of Art, and announced a benefit at the Blum and Poe Art Gallery for the Japanese Red Cross on April 23.

**12F.** Chairperson Endo-Roberts stated that she and Commissioner Shwartz participated on the Beat the Odds selection committee and is looking forward to the awards dinner on May 5, 2011.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:41 p.m., Commissioner Miranda moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, May 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Endo-Roberts so ordered.

Approved as Submitted May 16, 2011 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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